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SB 325 (Hall) Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control FACT SHEET

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ISSUE

Existing law requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), on or before March 1 of every year, to provide an annual report to the Legislature on the department's activities and to post the report on its website. The report must include information for the previous fiscal year pertaining to the amount of funds allocated and spent for licensing, enforcement, and administration, the number of licenses issued, renewed, denied, suspended, and revoked, the average time for processing license applications, by license category, the number and type of enforcement activities conducted, and the number, type, and amount of penalties, fines, and other disciplinary actions taken.

ABC has been producing and providing annual workload reports for the industry it regulates and groups interested in its licensing and enforcement activities since 1941. Since 1999 these reports have been posted online. For example, ABC provides on an annual basis: the Annual Workload Summary, the Performance Management Report, and the License Count Summary Report.

The current requirement that ABC create a separate annual report to the Legislature is duplicative and consumptive of limited resources and staff.

SOLUTION

SB 325 eliminates the existing requirement that ABC, on or before March 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Legislature an annual report on the department's activities and, instead, provides that ABC shall produce a report upon the request of the Legislature.

This measure does not eliminate the statutory requirement for the report; it simply eliminates the requirement for a separate annual report to the Legislature, thus enabling ABC to more effectively and efficiently use its resources for other purposes.